

THURSDAY, February 9th, 1843.

The House met. Present at the call of the roll the following members :

Messrs. Causin, Key, Sutton, Edes, Owens, Dorsey, Murray, Hammond, Clarke, Weems, Morsell, Brawner, Freeman, Walker, Risteau, Welsh, Randall, Hall, Sherwood of Talbot, Bowdle, Handy of Somerset, Fleming, Langford, Rider, Phelps, Traverse, Lecompte of Dorchester, Green, Lackland, Simpser, Janney, Crookshanks, Semmes, Tuck, Hamilton, Clemments, Dunbracco, Roberts, Holland, Hearn, Taylor, Richardson, McKeehan, Crampton, Yellott, Hopkins, Jarrett, Thawley, Nicols, Springer, Gallagher, Spence, Nesbitt, Grove, Weber, Harne, Boteler, Griffith, Dade, Kilgour, Buskirk, Pickell, Neff, Buchanan, Brown, Shaw, Powder, Lecompte of Carroll and Mr. Speaker.

The Journal of yesterday was read.

Mr. Semmes presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Prince George's county relative to the mode of collecting and regulating lawyers' fees.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Semmes, Handy of Somerset, Phelps, Brown, Tuck, Kilgour, Randall, Causin and Risteau.

Mr. Jarrett presented the petition of thirty-six citizens of Harford county, praying that the district courts of said county, may be abolished, and to extend the jurisdiction of single magistrates ;

Read and referred to Messrs. Jarrett, Yellott, Hopkins and Butler.

And the petition of twenty-nine citizens of Harford county, praying that the collection of the direct tax may be suspended ;

Read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Brown presented the petition of the trustees of Freedom academy, asking a donation ;

Read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Risteau presented the petition of thirty citizens, of both parties, of Baltimore county, asking a repeal of the agency law of 1840, a postponement of the time of payment of the taxes for 1843 until the year 1844, a reduction of the salaries of the officers of the internal improvement companies, and a re-organization of the judiciary system of Maryland ;

Read and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Owens presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Anne Arundel county, praying for an alteration in the manner of repairing roads in said county ;

Read and referred to Messrs. Owens, Murray, Dorsey, Hammond and Clarke.

Mr. Richardson presented the report of Edward A. Lynch, one of the visitors of St. John's Literary Institution of Frederick ;

Read and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Boteler presented the petition of one hundred and twelve citizens of Washington county, asking of the Legislature its aid